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NODE DEVICE

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTIONCommissioner for Patents  
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2005 for  
the above-identified patent application, the Applicants  
submit the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the Listing of  
Claims beginning on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** which begin on page 10.

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I						
(Column 1)		(Column 2)		SMALL ENTITY		OR
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE	
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))					\$ _____	OR
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	<i>21</i> minus 20 =			x \$ _____ =		OR
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	<i>3</i> minus 3 =			x \$ _____ =		OR
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+	\$ _____ =	OR
				TOTAL		OR
						OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
						RATE
						FEE
						x \$ _____ =
						x \$ _____ =
						+
						\$ _____ =
						TOTAL
						<i>708</i>
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II						
(Column 1)		(Column 2)		(Column 3)		SMALL ENTITY
AMENDMENT	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
						OR
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	<i>24</i>	Minus <i>21</i>	= <i>3</i>	x \$ _____ =		OR
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	<i>4</i>	Minus <i>3</i>	= <i>1</i>	x \$ _____ =		OR
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+	\$ _____ =	OR
				TOTAL ADD'L FEE		OR
						OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
						RATE
						ADDITIONAL FEE
						x \$ _____ =
						x \$ _____ =
						+
						\$ _____ =
						TOTAL ADD'L FEE
						<i>350</i>
AMENDMENT 3						
(Column 1)		(Column 2)		(Column 3)		SMALL ENTITY
AMENDMENT	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
						OR
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))		Minus		x \$ _____ =		OR
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))		Minus		x \$ _____ =		OR
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+	\$ _____ =	OR
				TOTAL ADD'L FEE		OR
						OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
						RATE
						ADDITIONAL FEE
						x \$ _____ =
						x \$ _____ =
						+
						\$ _____ =
						TOTAL ADD'L FEE

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